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1. DEPT SPOKESMAN AT WEDNESDAY PRESS BRIEFING VOLUNTEERED
STATEMENT ON BOEING AIRCRAFT IN RHODESIA. SPOKESMAN WOULD
NOT BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSING WHETHER US HAD ASKED SOUTH
AFRICA TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION OF PLANE DEAL. STATEMENT
FOLLOWS:

2. " WE HAVE NOTED REPORTS WHICH INDICATE SOME BOEING JET
AIRCRAFT HAVE ARRIVED IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. WE ARE QUITE
CONCERNED BY THIS APPARENT BREACH IN THE UN SANCTIONS PRO-
GRAM. OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE
SAID ON MONDAY -- AND SAID CATEGORICALLY -- THAT THE USG
HAD NOT AUTHORIZED THE SALE OR RE- EXPORT OF THESE AIRCRAFT
TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

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3. " OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO WE AUTHORIZED THE EXPORT OF FIVE BOEING 720 AIRCRAFT BY THE BOEING COMPANY TO A GERMAN COMPANY KNOWN AS CALAIR. THAT COMPANY, CALAIR, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, SUBSEQUENTLY WENT BANKRUPT AND THE AIRCRAFT REMAINED IN EUROPE PENDING THEIR SALE TO ANOTHER COMPANY OR THE OUTCOME OF THE BANKRUPTCY

PROCEEDINGS.

4. " THE RE EXPORT OF THOSE AIRCRAFT TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE USG. WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE MATTER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE NOW IN SALISBURY ARE THOSE THAT WERE SOLD TO CALAIR AND TO DETERMINE WHAT LEGAL RECOURSE WE MAY HAVE IN THE MATTER. WE MAY WELL BE CALLING UPON OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH US IN OUR INVESTIGATIONS."
ROGERS UNQUOTE PORTER

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